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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 9 September 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

11.45 a.m.

3923rd meeting

Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Consideration of the draft report of the Security Council to the General Assembly

12 noon

consultations of the whole
(closed)

Consultation Room

Briefing by the Secretary-General

4 p.m.

consultations of the whole
(closed)

Consultation Room

Iraq (S/1998/841)

Other matters

Fifty-third session

General Assembly Hall

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Ukraine.
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.
3. Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee.
4. Election of the President of the General Assembly.

General Assembly Hall

Consecutive meetings of the Main Committees for the purpose of electing their Chairmen.

General Assembly Hall

Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly.

***High-level dialogue of the General Assembly on the theme
of the social and economic impact of globalization and
interdependence and their policy implications
(17-18 September 1998)***

The list of speakers for the plenary meetings on Thursday, 17 September 1998, is now open. To be inscribed, please contact the General Assembly and ECOSOC Affairs Division at 963-5063 (room S-2935G).

General debate
(21 September-2 October 1998)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) for the general debate of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly and ECOSOC Affairs Division (room S-2935G). The list has also been sent by facsimile directly to Permanent Representatives to the United Nations.

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES

Substantive session

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. 415th meeting Conference
Room 8

Adoption of the report [5]

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 10

Subject

UNHCR

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Second regular session 1998

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. 18th meeting Economic and Social
Council Chamber

1. Draft strategy on resource mobilization [5] (*continued*) (E/ICEF/1998/14)
2. Review of the recovery policy of UNICEF [6] (E/ICEF/1998/AB/L.6, AB/L.12)
3. Proposals for UNICEF programme cooperation [7] (E/ICEF/1998/P/L.21; *Eastern and Southern Africa*: E/ICEF/1998/P/L.8/Add.1, P/L.9, P/L.10/Add.1, P/L.23-24; *West and Central Africa*: P/L.11/Add.1, P/L.12/Add.1, P/L.13/Add.1, P/L.14/Add.1, P/L.25-28; *Americas and the Caribbean*: P/L.15/Add.1, P/L.29; *East Asia and the Pacific*: P/L.16/Add.1, P/L.17/Add.1, P/L.30; *South Asia*: P/L.18/Add.1, P/L.19/Add.1, P/L.31; *Middle East and North Africa*: P/L.20/Add.1, P/L.32-34; *Central Eastern Europe and Commonwealth of Independent States and the Baltic States*: P/L.35-38)

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the
Secretariat of the United Nations.

Wednesday, 9 September 1998

GROUP OF 77 (second reading of the draft ministerial declaration)

3 p.m.-
6 p.m.

closed meeting

Conference
Room 5

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Seminar

A seminar on "Population growth, food production and land degradation in developing countries", organized by the Development Policy Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place *today*, 9 September 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room DC2-2127. The seminar will be conducted by Ms. Nadia Cuffaro from the University of Cassino (Italy). All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. Queries: Henk-Jan Brinkman (tel.: 963- 4742).

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Briefing

The Department of Information will hold an informal briefing for members of the Committee on Information on the work of the United Nations information centres *today*, 9 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Announcement

As from Thursday, 3 September 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

The Eighteenth Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights will take place at United Nations Headquarters on Thursday, 10 September 1998, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1, to hold elections for the Human Rights Committee. Credentials should be submitted to the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (room S-2914) (Documents CCPR/SP/51 and Add.1-3, CCPR/SP/52, CCPR/SP/53).

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 15 September 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room B.

A meeting of the Consultative Group for the International Year of Older Persons will take place on Tuesday, 15 September 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8. Items on the agenda include the introduction of the draft report of the Secretary-General to the fifty-third session of the General Assembly.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

The third regular session 1998 of the Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA will be held from 14 to 16 September and 21 and 22 September 1998 in Conference Room 3. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1998/L.4.

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There will be a "brainstorming" seminar of the Group of 77 on climate change on 10 and 11 September 1998 in Conference Room 3. The seminar will be attended by a number of experts in the field and will be open to all Member States of the Group of 77 and China.

2. Special briefing on the work of the Second Committee of the General Assembly on Wednesday, 16 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
3. Special briefing on the work of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly on Wednesday, 16 September, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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Briefings

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing the following briefings for delegates from permanent missions and capitals attending a session of the General Assembly for the first time:

1. General briefing on the work of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly on Monday, 14 and Tuesday, 15 September 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Announcements

A background paper (in English only) on the role of micro-credit in the eradication of poverty is available in room DC2-1350.

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Copies of the draft programmes of work of the Second and Third Committees of the General Assembly are available in room S-2950. Delegations are kindly requested to take only one copy each.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Secretary-General wishes to announce that a memorial service in honour of the staff members of the United Nations system who lost their lives in the airplane crash of 2 September will be held on Friday, 11 September 1998, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

During the ceremony, the Secretary-General will offer a tribute to the deceased.

Except for places reserved for family members of those lost, seating in Conference Room 4 will be open.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 8 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

92nd plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 92nd plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/173).

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES

Substantive session

414th meeting

Adoption of the report [5]

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, France, Morocco, Argentina, Austria, the United States, Belgium and the Islamic Republic of Iran. The Assistant Secretary-General, General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services, also made a statement.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Second regular session 1998

16th and 17th meetings

Opening of the session: Statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director [1]

The session was opened by the President of the Executive Board (New Zealand).

The Executive Director made a statement.

A moment of silence was observed in honour of the staff of the United Nations, including three members of the UNICEF family, who lost their lives in the Swissair flight tragedy on 2 September 1998.

Adoption of the provisional agenda and timetable and organization of work [2]

The Secretary of the Executive Board introduced the provisional agenda and timetable and organization of work, incorporating the outcome of the pre-session briefing meeting on 2 September 1998, which were adopted by the Executive Board.

Oral report on decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council [3]

The Director, United Nations Affairs and External Relations Office, reported on the item.

The Executive Board concluded consideration on this item.

Medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001 [4]

The Director, Division of Evaluation, Policy and Planning, and the Comptroller made an in-depth presentation of the item.

Statements were made by representatives of Yemen, France (also on behalf of Austria), the United Kingdom, China, Germany, Norway, the Russian Federation, Cuba, the United States, Switzerland, Jamaica, Antigua and Barbuda, Nigeria, South Africa, India, the Republic of Korea, Denmark (also on behalf of Sweden), Canada, Italy, Bangladesh and Viet Nam.

The representative of the Standing Group of National Committees also made a statement.

The Executive Director and other members of the secretariat responded to issues raised by delegations.

The Executive Board decided to hold informal consultations on the draft decision contained in document E/ICEF/1998/13/Corr.1.

Draft strategy on resource mobilization [5]

The Executive Director introduced the item.

Statements were made by representatives of Sweden, the United States, France (also on behalf of Austria), Indonesia, Germany, Norway, China, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Japan, Switzerland, Antigua and Barbuda, Nigeria, Denmark, the Netherlands, the Republic of Korea, Ireland, India, Austria, Sweden, Canada and Jamaica.

The representative of the Standing Group of National Committees also made a statement.

The Executive Director and the Director, Division of Evaluation, Policy and Planning, responded to issues raised by delegations.

Corrigendum

Corrigendum to the summary of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests of the Commission on Sustainable Development (see *Journal* No. 1998/171 (Part II) (English/French), p. 9): before *Minute of silence*, the date (Friday, 4 September 1998) and the meeting number (6th meeting) should be inserted in the text.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.**[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]**

Convention on the Limitation Period in the International Sale of Goods, concluded at New York on 14 June 1974

Accession: Burundi (4 September 1998)*

United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods, concluded at Vienna on 11 April 1980

Accession: Burundi (4 September 1998)*

Customs Convention on Containers, 1972, concluded at Geneva on 2 December 1972

Accession: Burundi (4 September 1998)*

United Nations Convention on the Carriage of Goods by Sea, 1978, concluded at Hamburg on 31 March 1978

Accession: Burundi (4 September 1998)*

United Nations Convention on International Multimodal Transport of Goods, concluded at Geneva on 24 May 1980

Accession: Burundi (4 September 1998)*

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, relating to the Institutionalization of the Facilitation Committee in the Convention, adopted by the Assembly of the Organization by resolution A.724 (17) of 7 November 1991

Acceptance: Marshall Islands (7 September 1998)*

Amendments to articles 16, 17 and 19 (b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, adopted by the Assembly of the Organization by resolution A.735 (18) of 4 November 1993

Acceptance: Marshall Islands (7 September 1998)*

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction, opened for signature at Paris on 13 January 1993

Ratification: Burundi (4 September 1998)*

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction, concluded at Oslo on 18 September 1997

Signature: Albania (8 September 1998)

Ratification: Bosnia and Herzegovina (8 September 1998)*

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, opened for signature at Paris on 14 October 1994

Accession: Kiribati (8 September 1998)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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